

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

**35 U.S.C. § 101**

Claims 11 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 11 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this rejection. Claim 29 has been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests that the §101 rejections be withdrawn.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 3-7, 15 and 34 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 2 and claim 3. Thus, amended claim 1 contains all of the elements of allowed claim 3, including the base claim (claim 1) and all intervening claims (claim 2). Accordingly, amended claim 1 is allowable as being the same as allowed claim 3. Given that claims 4-11 depend from claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are likewise allowable.

Claim 12 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 13, claim 14 and claim 15. Thus, amended claim 12 contains all of the elements of allowed claim 15, including the base claim (claim 12) and all intervening claims (claims 13 and 14). Accordingly, amended claim 12 is allowable as being the

same as allowed claim 15. Given that claims 16-28 depend from claim 12, Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are likewise allowable.

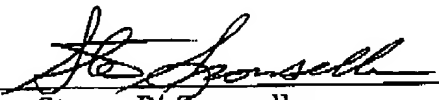
Claim 33 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 34. Thus, amended claim 33 contains all of the elements of allowed claim 34, including the base claim (claim 33). Accordingly, amended claim 33 is allowable as being the same as allowed claim 34. Given that claims 35-36 depend from claim 33, Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are likewise allowable.

### Conclusion

Claims 1, 4-12, 16-28, 33 and 35-36 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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